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**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

Passed Asst. Surg. Victor G. Heiser, director of health and chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports July 30:

**A Case of Plague at Iloilo.**

No further cases of plague have appeared in the city of Manila since the case of June 26.

At Iloilo a case ended fatally at the Mission Hospital on July 5 and was subsequently confirmed as a case of bubonic plague from material collected by Passed Asst. Surg. J. R. Hurley and examined and reported upon by the Bureau of Science. The origin of the case in Iloilo is unknown. It occurred in the person of a Chinaman, who had been a constant resident of Iloilo for a period of at least four months, and prior to that time of Bais, in Oriental Negros. So far as known, no other case of plague has occurred in man or rodents at Iloilo since the American occupation, so that this case is most difficult of satisfactory explanation. A sanitary survey of Iloilo has not shown any unusual mortality among rats.

**Examination of Rats at Manila.**

Over 2,000 rats have been examined in Manila during the past three weeks, and no evidence of bubonic plague has been found among them.

**Cholera Carrier Detected at Mariveles Quarantine Station.**

The cholera carrier previously reported<sup>1</sup> was fully confirmed by subsequent laboratory examination conducted at the Bureau of Science. Since then four other incoming steerage passengers have had vibrios in their stools, but the final examinations showed that they were not the vibrios of Koch.

**Bacillary Dysentery.**

Bacillary dysentery was reported from many provinces in the Philippine Islands, and an investigation made showed that the disease in most instances was due to drinking infected river water or to well persons coming into contact, directly or indirectly, with the sick. Both the Shiga and Flexner types of the bacillus have been isolated.

**PORTO RICO.****The Plague Situation.]**

Since August 27, 4 cases of plague have been reported in Porto Rico. A case in San Juan reported as suspicious on August 29 was finally diagnosed as plague on September 2. One case occurred in Santurce September 3, 1 case in San Juan September 4, and 1 in Santurce September 5. This makes the total number of cases reported to the present time, 53. Since July 19 no case has occurred outside the municipality of San Juan, which includes the old city of San Juan, Puerta de Tierra, and Santurce.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Health Reports, Aug. 16, 1912, p. 1350.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel further reports as follows:

*Rats examined Aug. 17 to 24, 1912.*

Place.	Rats exam- ined.	Rats found infected.	Rats found suspi- cious.
All Porto Rico.....	1,124	.....	.....
San Juan municipality:			
San Juan.....	233	.....	.....
Puerta de Tierra.....	102	.....	.....
Santurce.....	255	1	.....

A summary of the plague situation to August 24, including all human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 11,209; rats found infected, 60; human cases, 49; deaths, 30.

*Inspections made Aug. 17 to 24, 1912, inclusive.*

Buildings inspected.....	557
Cars inspected.....	133
Packages of freight fumigated.....	711
Packages of freight repacked.....	98
Packages of freight inspected and passed.....	11,467
Oxcarts and wagons carrying outgoing overland freight inspected.....	586
Packages inspected.....	10,954
Packages fumigated.....	24
Packages repacked.....	459
Packages inspected.....	11,437
Express packages inspected.....	546
Express packages repacked.....	189
Rats found in freight and express packages inspected.....	3

#### **RUSSIA.**

##### **Cholera.**

During the period from July 14 to 27, 1912, there were reported in Russia 15 cases of cholera with 2 deaths, occurring as follows: City of Astrakhan, 4 cases with 1 death; city of Vitebsk, 9 cases with 1 death; district of Vitebsk, 2 cases.

#### **TURKEY IN ASIA.**

##### **Cholera in Damascus.**

Consul General Hollis at Beirut reports August 2:

Cholera has been officially declared present at Damascus. All travelers proceeding by rail from Damascus to any of the Syrian coast ports will be required to undergo a detention of five days in quarantine at some intermediate station.

On September 6 Consul General Hollis reported cholera present at Beirut.